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EXCHANGE

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FROM DR. ROBERT A. GOLDWIN, MEMBER,
BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONSULTANT TO STATE
DEPARTMENT, WHO DEPARTED MOROCCO TODAY, MONDAY, NOV. 28,
AFTER CONSULTING WITH GOM OFFICIALS AND EDUCATORS
REGARDING ACADEMIC EXCHANGES: QTE FOR BEN READ.

1. FORTHCOMING ROYAL MOROCCAN VISIT PRESENTS UNUSUAL
AND APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR STRENGTHENING MUTUAL
RELATIONS AT MODEST COST BY DECLARING INTENTION TO
INCREASE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE.

2. IN MEETINGS IN LAST THREE DAYS WITH MOROCCAN
OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION, COMMERCE,
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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, AND IN
THE UNIVERSITY FACULTIES, HAVE FOUND UNIFORM DESIRE
TO INCREASE NUMBER OF MOROCCAN STUDENTS IN U.S.
IN MANY FIELDS, FROM PHYSICS AND COMPUTER MATHEMATICS
TO POLITICAL SCIENCE AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT. PRESENT
ESTIMATE IS THAT THERE ARE 49 MOROCCAN STUDENTS IN U.S.
WITH GOM FINANCIAL SUPPORT. FULBRIGHT AND OTHER U.S.

PROGRAMS ONE OF SMALLEST EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN THIS REGION. MOROCCAN OFFICIALS IN MEETINGS HAVE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF NEED TO SHARE COSTS FOR INCREASED NUMBER OF STUDENTS. GOM PRESENTLY SUBSIDIZES GRADUATE STUDENTS ABROAD AT LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY \$3000 PER ANNUM.

3. MOTIVES EXPRESSED ARE VARIED AND COMPLEMENTARY: DESIRE TO DIMINISH EDUCATIONAL DEPENDENCE ON FRANCE; OPINION THAT U.S. TRAINING IS SUPERIOR IN MANY FIELDS; CONCERN AT LARGE NUMBERS OF ALGERIAN STUDENTS IN U.S.; NEED TO VARY DOCTRINES AND MODERNIZE EDUCATION SYSTEM. ABOVE ALL, MANY OFFICIALS EXPRESS HOPE OF STRENGTHENING TIES WITH U.S. FOR LONG-RANGE FUTURE AS MEANS OF ACHIEVING STABLE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, POPULARLY ELECTED AND WITH FREE INSTITUTIONS. IN ALL OF THESE MOTIVES THERE IS A CORRESPONDING U.S. INTEREST.

4. SOME KEY GOM OFFICIALS WERE EDUCATED IN U.S. WITH AID OF USG FUNDS, SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH, ADMIRE THE U.S., AND ARE EAGER TO MODERNIZE. THEIR INFLUENCE IS STRONG AND GROWING BUT THEIR NUMBERS ARE SMALL COMPARED TO THOSE TRAINED IN FRANCE.

5. A BINATIONAL GROUP, ASMAR, HAS FORMED IN TANGIER AND WOULD ASSIST IN FORMING A BINATIONAL FULBRIGHT COMMISSION.
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6. CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE KING DECLARE JOINTLY THE INTENTION OF INCREASING EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE. A PRO-WESTERN, POPULARLY ELECTED, CONSTITUTIONAL, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WITH A PROTECTED OPPOSITION PRESS IS A RARITY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IT SERVES U.S. INTEREST IN SPREAD OF FREEDOM IN THE WORLD TO ENCOURAGE AND BOLSTER GOM. ROBERT A. GOLDWIN. UNQTE
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